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SUBJECT: SVN EXILE LEADER CONTACT WITH DRV

1. SVN "THIRD FORCE LEADER" HO THONG MINH TOLD EMBOFF 24 APRIL THAT HE HAD A FRANK CONVERSATION WITH DRV AMBASSADOR VO VAN SUNG APRIL 23. ACCORDING TO MINH, SUNG SAID THE DRV WAS STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE UNITED STATES' USING MILITARY METHODS FOR EVACUATION AS A COVER FOR REINTERVENING IN SOUTH VIETNAM. MINH SAID HE TOLD SUNG SUCH FEARS WERE NOT REALISTIC.

2. SUNG SAID THAT IN SVN IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MOVE VERY RAPIDLY FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD TO A COALITION GOVERNMENT. SUNG MADE IT FAIRLY CLEAR THAT SUCH A COALITION WOULD HAVE TO EXCLUDE ALL FLAVOR OF THE PREVIOUS GVN. MINH CONCLUDED THAT SUNG MEANT THAT "COALITION" WOULD BE MERELY OF "THIRD FORCE" AND PRG. MINH ASKED SUNG WHETHER A "THIRD FORCE" GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF GENERALS MINH AND DON AND SENATOR MAU WOULD FACILITATE CONTACTS WITH THE PRG AND AN EVENTUAL TRANSITION TO PRG CONTROL. SUNG REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON PERSONALITIES AND REITERATED THE STANDARD LINE ABOUT  
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THE NECESSITY FOR A SAIGON GOVERNMENT REALLY DEVOTED TO

RECONCILIATION.

3. MINH SAID THAT HE REMAINED IN FAIRLY FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE QUAI. HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY IDEA FROM THE DRV OR PRG ABOUT WHO IN THE SVN EXILE COMMUNITY MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRG AS "THIRD FORCE" FIGURES IN A COUNCIL OR COALITION GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE MOST RECENTLY FORMED COMMITTEE REMAINED WITHOUT CENTRAL LEADERSHIP AS HAS BEEN THE CASE OF ALL PREVIOUS GROUPINGS OF "THIRD FORCE" MOVEMENTS. HE HOPED TO GET MORE SPECIFIC INDICATIONS OF THOSE THIRD FORCE FIGURES ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRG IN CONVERSATIONS WITH PRG REPS THIS WEEK.

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